

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 24, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 12/07/04)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Procurement Action

The attached resolution provides for the approval of County purchases by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with its policy for procurements of over \$30,000. The Board's approval is requested for procurement of the following:

*Landscape Enhancements: Route 17 Landscape Corridor Plan – Phase III* – In accordance with the recommendations of the Route 17 Revitalization Committee, an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued and advertised to provide Landscape Enhancements on the Public Rights of Way along Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Hwy) from Route 134 to York High School. As the Board will recall, the Committee recommended moderate landscaping for the segment between Frances Circle and Wolftrap Road (the segment proposed to be widened to six lanes) and more extensive plantings for the segment between Wolftrap and Falcon. At this point in time, the design work for the widening project is continuing on a schedule that anticipates construction late in this decade; however, construction funding is not currently available. The Committee recognized the uncertainty of the widening project schedule and recommended that some landscaping be installed, even at the risk of having to relocate it in the future. Therefore, the planting proposed for the Frances to Wolftrap segment includes trees, shrubs and ornamental grasses that will provide immediate improvements in the appearance of the median but that also would be capable of being transplanted in four to five years (if funding is identified for construction of the widening project). Not included in the Frances to Wolftrap segment are the daylilies and daffodils that provide the “splash of color” recommended by the Committee but which are relatively expensive and would be difficult to relocate if they were in the way of future construction. In the segment between Wolftrap and Falcon, the proposed landscaping is more extensive and will include trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials (the “splash of color”). It should be noted that construction of the Fort Eustis Boulevard extension will disturb the median on Route 17 and, therefore, the planting of the median treatment for a portion of this intersection will be delayed until after the extension project is complete. Installation of this landscaping will complete yet another of the Route 17 Revitalization Committee's recommendations for enhancement of the corridor. Coupled with the already authorized projects to complete the perennial planting south of Route 134 and to install shoulder landscaping in the salvage yard area, it will contribute positively to the visual appeal of York County's “Main Street.”

The scope of work consists of furnishing all materials including, but not limited to mulch, plant materials, equipment, labor, supervision, and all else required for the planting of trees, shrubs, ground cover and bulbs, and maintaining the same for a one (1) year period. Three (3) vendors responded with bids with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder being Winn Nursery of Virginia in the amount of \$80,891. Sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to complete this project.

This procurement has been conducted in accordance with State procurement laws and/or County procurement policy and I recommend that it be approved through the adoption of Proposed Resolution R04-175

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Attachment

- Proposed Resolution R04-175